

Acacia Times

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

March 2017

Election Results

Bird Feeders

Deck Staining

IHP Police Community Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will start accepting Service Requests on April 15th. Requests submitted before April 15th will not be accepted. Service requests will be done in the order they are received.

Indian Head Park Police Department is hosting a meeting for residents on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00pm at the Acacia clubhouse. Topics to be covered include general safety issues, information of current scams and other topics of interest to residents. Presentation will be about 1 hour and time will be allowed for questions afterward. Snacks will be served.

BIRD FEEDERS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED IN ACACIA ON EITHER PERSONAL OR COMMON GROUNDS.

Skunks and raccoons have caused structural damage to several homes in our community. They have gotten in houses, built nests in chimneys and under front stoops. The squirrels dump the bird food onto the ground which attracts skunks, raccoons, rabbits, opossums and other wild animals. Removing all bird feeders is an attempt to decrease the number of animals. Please do not put any food outside of your property. There is a \$100 fine per occurrence which will be strictly enforced.

Decks that were installed last year need to be stained this year.

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Board Meeting is April 11, 2017 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting March 14, 2017

The Board of Directors Meeting of March 14, 2017 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Frank O'Connor.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. O'Connor, V.P. Eckert. Treas. Polacek, Sec'y Brandush, Kwiatek, Martinez, Murray and Rost .

The Pledge of Allegiance we recited.

Motion (Polacek, Brandush) to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed (8/0/0).

Newest Board Member, Anita Holub, resigned for personal reasons. The Board will either attempt to find somebody to fill that role until the next election or alternatively leave it vacant and that we will discuss as time goes on.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek reported on the Treasurer's Report page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$82,084 with other sources giving a total income of \$82,849. Expenses were \$38,972 leaving a net ordinary income of \$43,877. The expenses were normal. This is the time that we save for the spring and summer.

Past Due Accounts show 26 members owing money, 5 members owe \$15,346.74 and 21 members owe \$4,358.40. We have two accounts left that are large. The accounts receivable has gone down to \$19,705.14. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding.

Five members did not get the word that the Assessment was raised to \$215. We had fewer members forget to pay. Everyone can save the aggravation and pay with **ACH** automatic bank withdrawal. This insures no late payment fee and interest charge. It also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 198 use it. Join the crowd!!

Overall we are in good financial condition

I move that we accept the Treasure's Report as produced by the staff.

Motion (Polacek, O'Connor) to accept the Treasurer's Report as produced by staff. All in favor. Motion passed. (8/0/0).

Clubhouse Director's Report: Loretta Murray reports that we discussed with the Board phase 2 of the clubhouse redecorating. Phase 2 includes blinds throughout the clubhouse and replacing the flooring in the great room, stairway and foyer. The board decided to put this on hold until after review of all major expenses.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Jack Brandush reported that Jose has just changed the locks of the basketball and tennis courts. Please come to the office to get the new keys. Each key has a refundable deposit of \$10. Bring in the old key in exchange for the new one. In any case, you must have an I.D. showing proof of residency in Acacia. The courts will open on April 15th.

Pool I.D. renewals will begin in May. Look in next month's newsletter for dates and times.

Family Fun Day is Sunday, July 30th from 1-4pm.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Tim Rost reports that he is currently working on setting up a list of criteria to work under for tree work in the community, most notable trees which are determined to be on homeowner's property. Currently the wording in the rules is a bit vague, and I am seeking definitions to move forward in a uniform manner. Feedback thus far from Board Members is:

- Identify a working definition of private property boundaries.
- Include discussion of bushes and small plants on private property.
- Define "safe practices" as it applies to the work performed by our crews.
- In regards to private property trees, homeowners are responsible for all costs of removing healthy trees and only with A&L committee approval.
- In regards to private property trees, the Association will be responsible for tree removal if trees are determined to be dead/diseased or dying.

Bird Feeders: There has been an uptick of sightings of raccoons and skunks and it is thought that the bird feeders may have something to do with that. We would like to remind members that feeding of animals on private or public property is prohibited.

Page 5 of the Acacia Association Handbook states that: ***As an animal control measure, residents, whether owners or lessees, cannot place food on any outside area, including both their property and the common areas. If so done after one initial warning a fine of \$100 per occurrence will be assessed. We do not capture wild animals or remove dead animals***

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek-This position as chairman of the Townhome Maintenance Committee is new to me, so I want to thank Amy and Jose for their help and input. Jose and Peggy Rose will be surveying all the driveways

